

*“Be still,  
and know  
that I am  
God.”*

*Ps. 46:10*

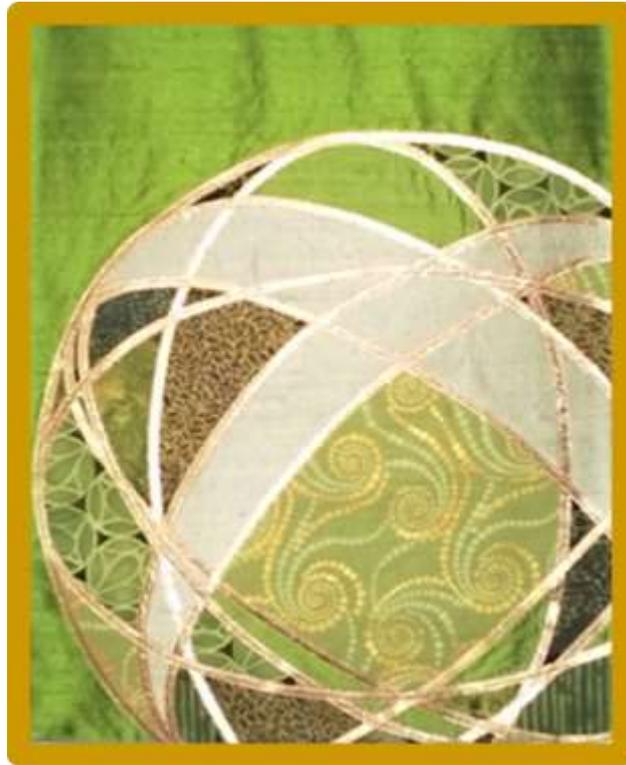




*Welcome to  
Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, July 17, 2022 9:00 am*

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# + GATHERING +

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Welcome*



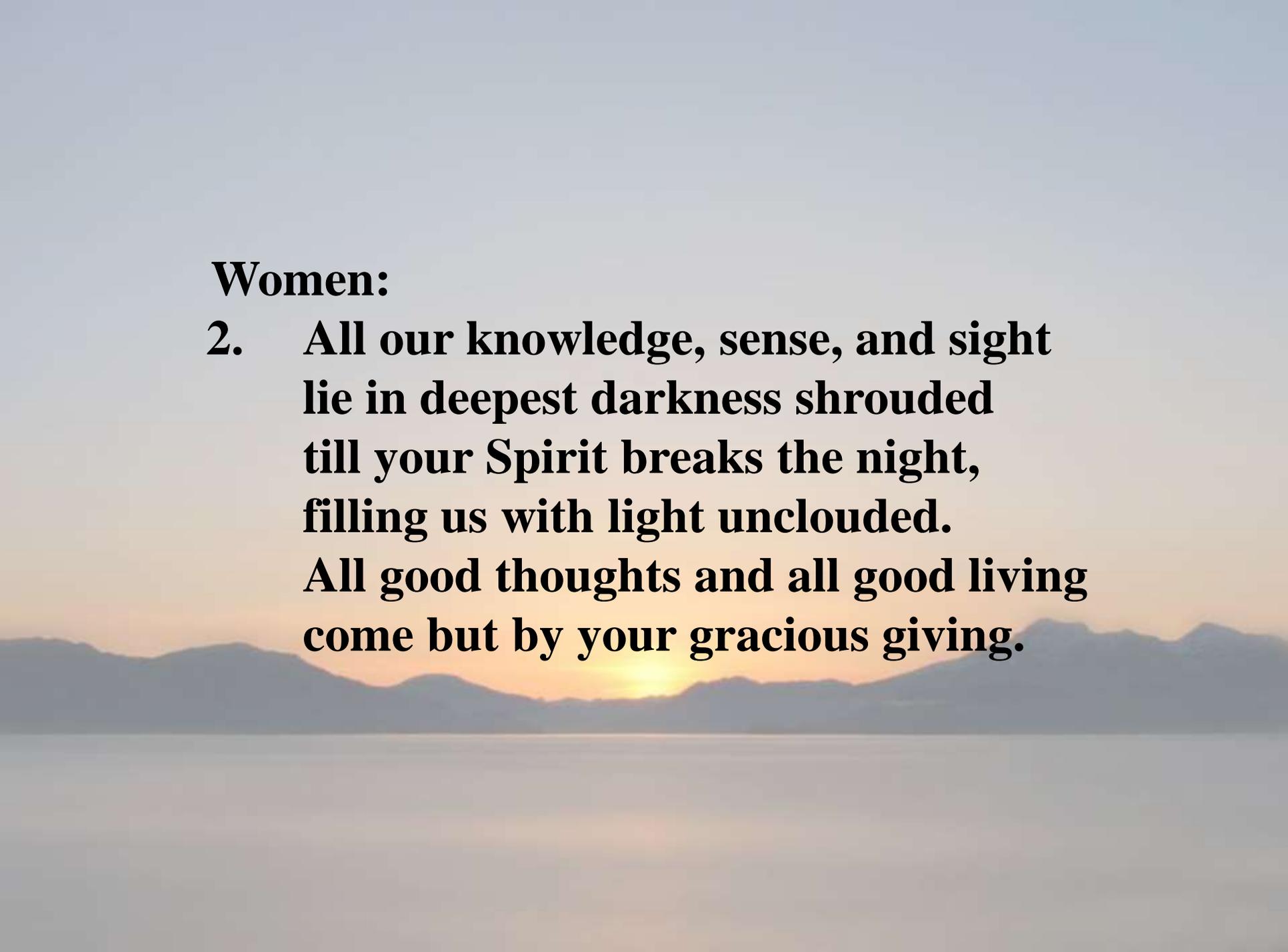
# Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

#520 (*divided groups*)

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**All:**

- 1. Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

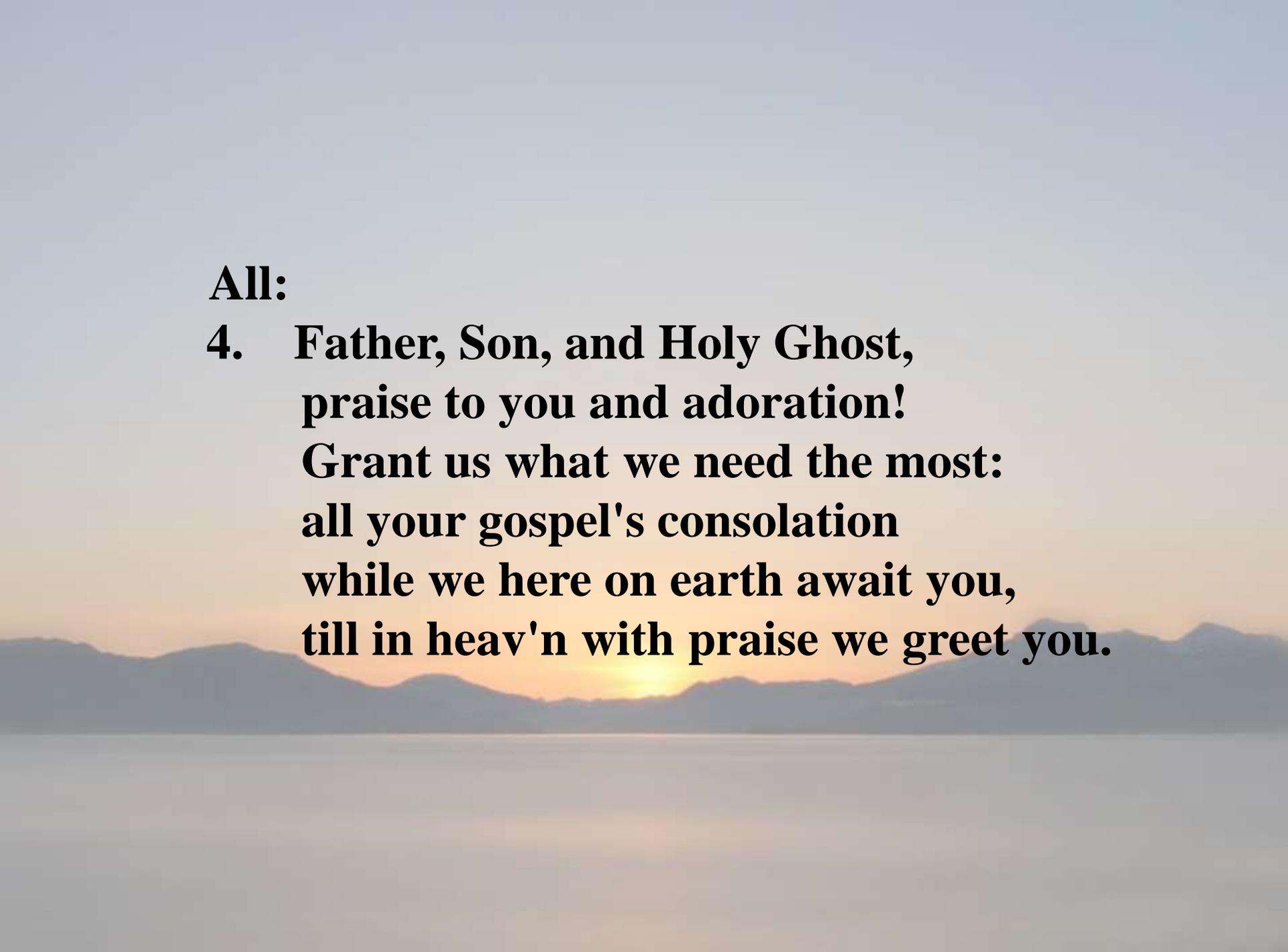


**Women:**

- 2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till your Spirit breaks the night,  
filling us with light unclouded.  
All good thoughts and all good living  
come but by your gracious giving.**

**Men:**

**3. Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.**

The background of the slide is a soft-focus photograph of a sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb positioned just above a range of low mountains. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the water in the foreground is calm, reflecting the light from the sun and the mountains. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**All:**

**4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
all your gospel's consolation  
while we here on earth await you,  
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

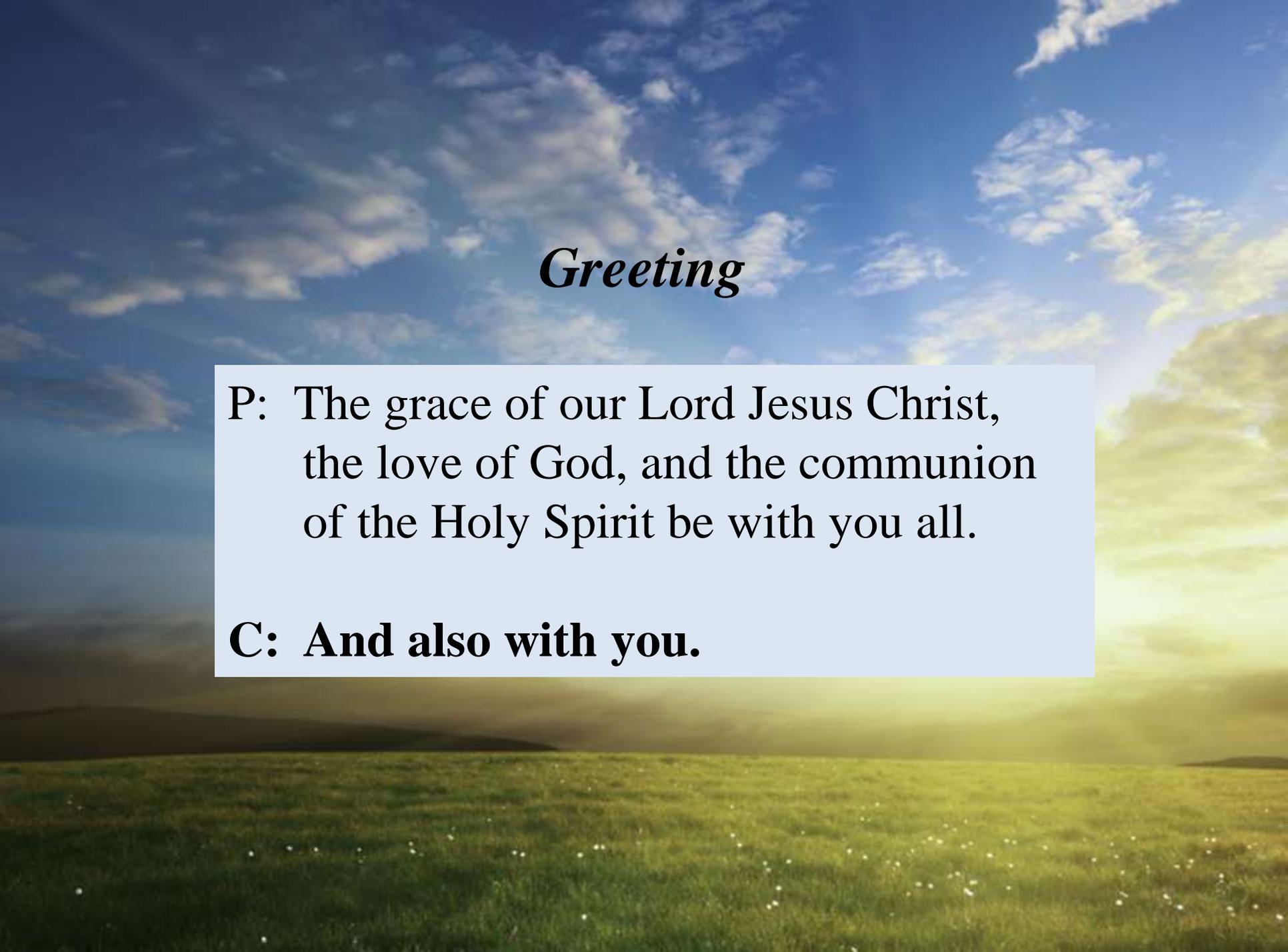
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

**P:** Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**



## *Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

# Kyrie

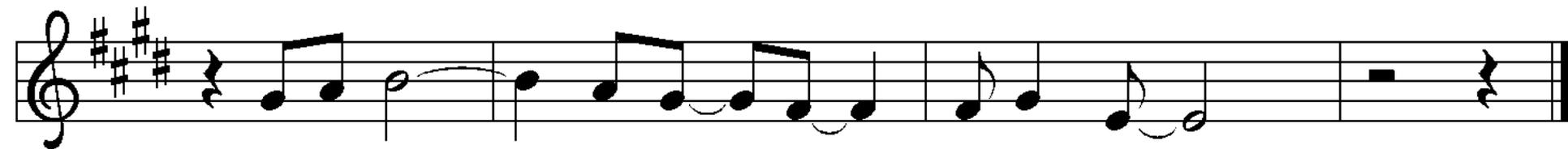
pp. 184-185

*Refrain*



Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody continues from the first line. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



Cantor: For peace in the world,  
for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house,  
for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.





Cantor: That we may live out  
your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out  
truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



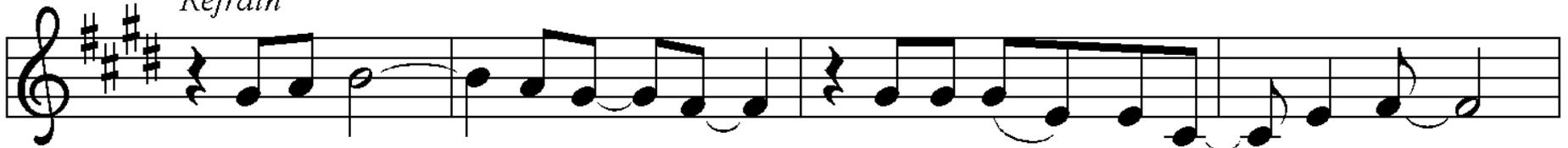
Cantor: For peace in our hearts,  
for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family;  
for life and for love,  
for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.





Cantor: For your Spirit to guide;  
that you center our lives  
in the water and the word;  
that you nourish our souls  
with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*



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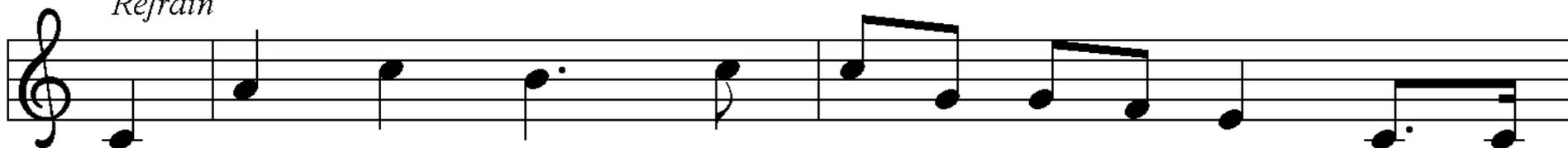


Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

# Hymn of Praise

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*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo- ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



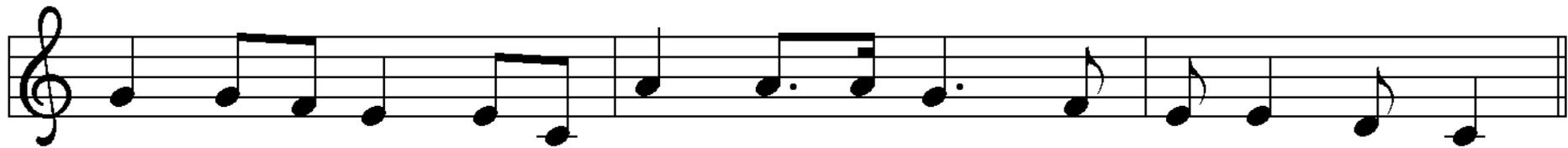
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

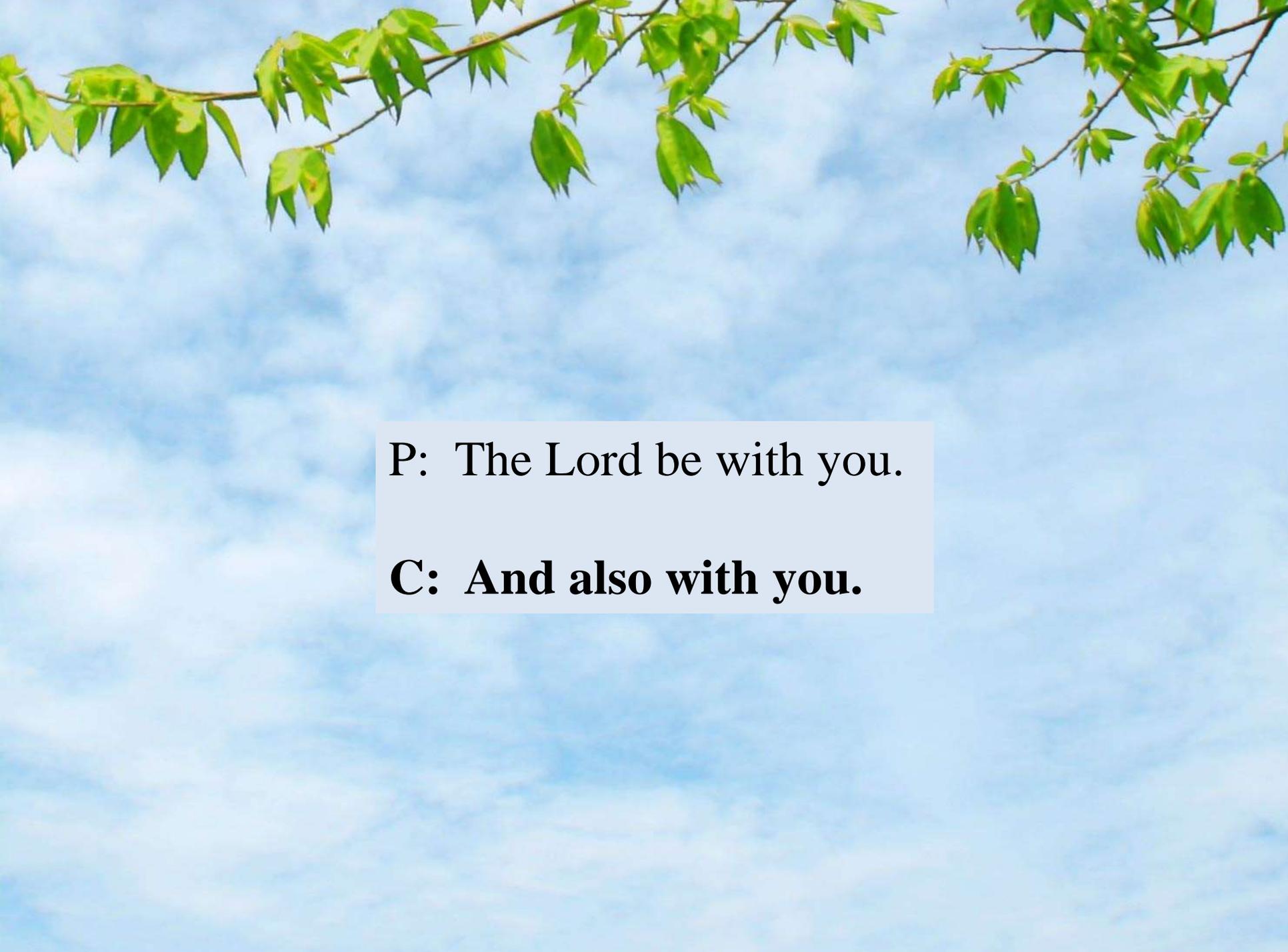
*Final refrain*



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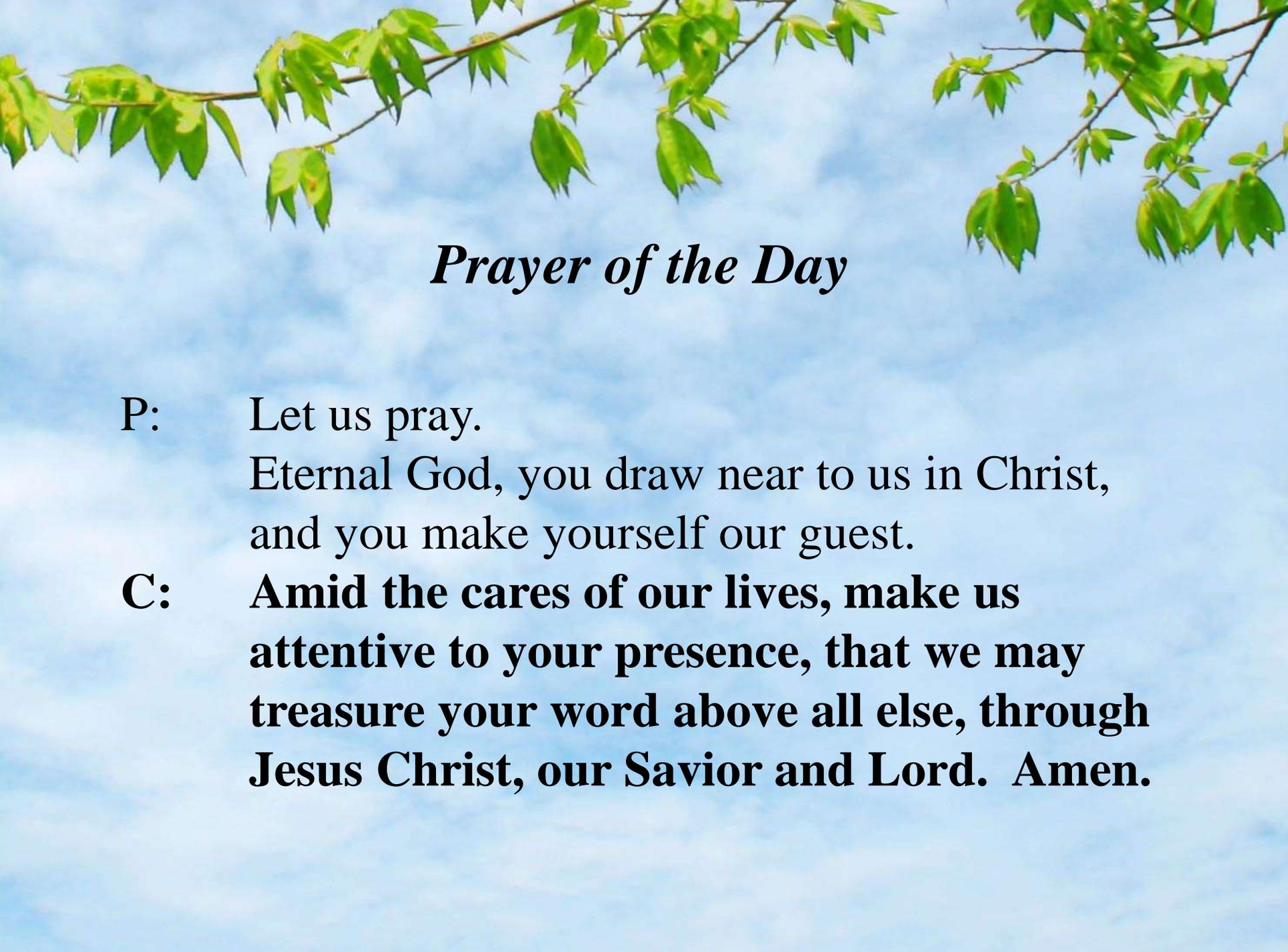


Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

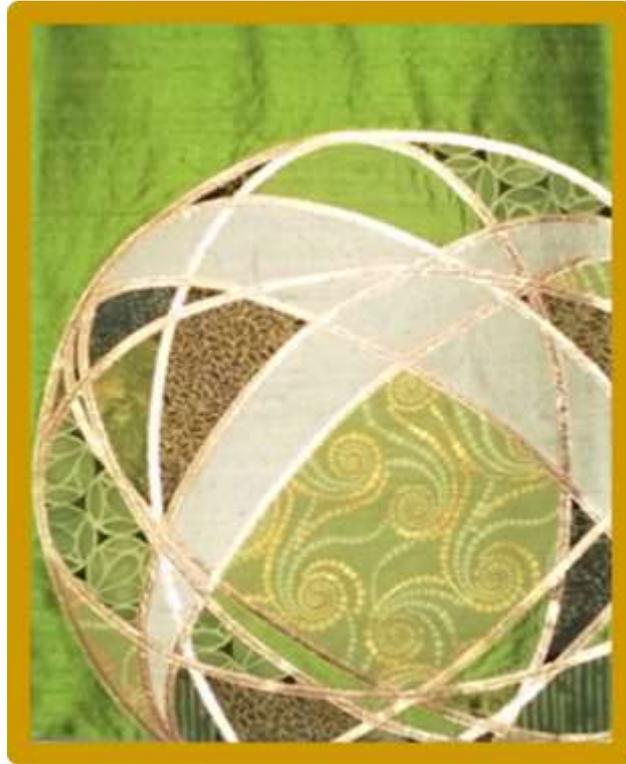


## *Prayer of the Day*

**P:** Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ,  
and you make yourself our guest.

**C:** **Amid the cares of our lives, make us  
attentive to your presence, that we may  
treasure your word above all else, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



+ **WRITTEN & SPOKEN WORD** +

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

*The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

<sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

<sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

<sup>10a</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

L: <sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C: <sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is  
right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

L: <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**C: <sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

L: <sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

*This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.*

<sup>15</sup>Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

<sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A photograph showing the back of an older man in a blue and white checkered shirt and grey trousers, walking on a paved road with a white dashed line. He is holding the hand of a young child with blonde hair, wearing a white t-shirt and grey shorts. They are walking away from the camera towards a horizon under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The scene is set in a rural landscape with fields and distant hills.

*Kids' Time*

# **What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus?**

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**What does it mean to follow Jesus?  
What does it mean to go his way?  
What does it mean to do what he wants me to,  
Every day?**

**I can love my neighbor, just as Jesus said.  
I can help my brother, see that he is fed.  
I can show my sister kindness and care.  
I can show my friends  
that I know how to share.**

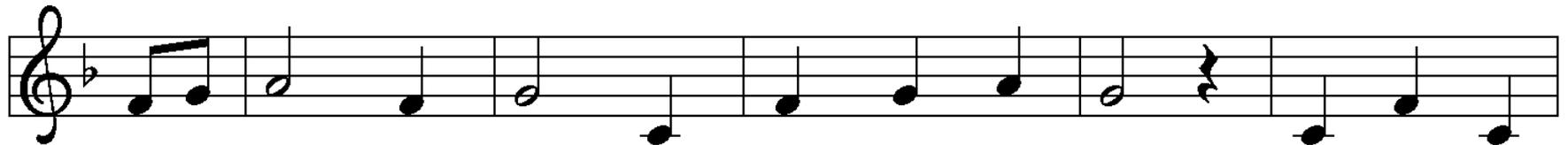
**What does it mean to follow Jesus?  
What does it mean to go his way?  
What does it mean to do what he wants me to,  
Every day?**

**I can say I'm sorry when I've done some wrong.  
I can sing his praises in both words and song.  
I'll be friends with others who aren't like me.  
They belong to Jesus: we all do, you see.**

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What does it mean to go his way?  
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Every day?**

# Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel  
according to St. Luke,  
the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 10:38-42**

*During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.*

<sup>38</sup>Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

<sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

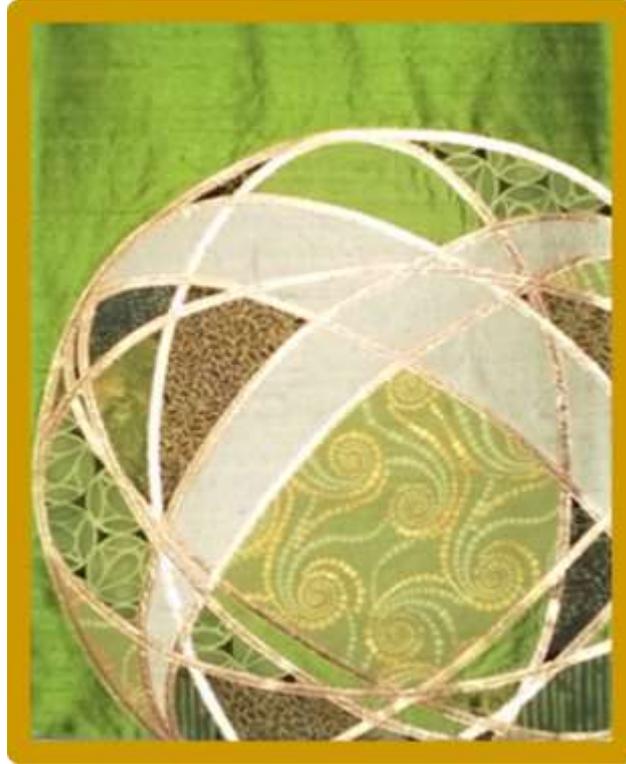
P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*“The Better Part”*





+ **RESPONSE TO THE WORD** +

# **For All the Faithful Women**

ELW #419 vv. 1, 7, last

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- 1. For all the faithful women  
who served in days of old,  
to you shall thanks be given;  
to all, their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness  
in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness,  
proclaimed your pow'r to save.**

**7. We sing of busy Martha  
who toiled with pot and pan  
while Mary sat in silence  
to hear the word again.  
Christ, keep our hearts attentive  
to truth that you declare,  
and strengthen us for service when  
work becomes our prayer.**

**Last:        All praise to God the Father!  
              All praise to Christ the Son!  
              All praise to God the Spirit,  
              who binds the church as one!  
              With saints who went before us,  
              with saints who witness still,  
              we sing glad alleluias  
              and strive to do your will.**

## *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

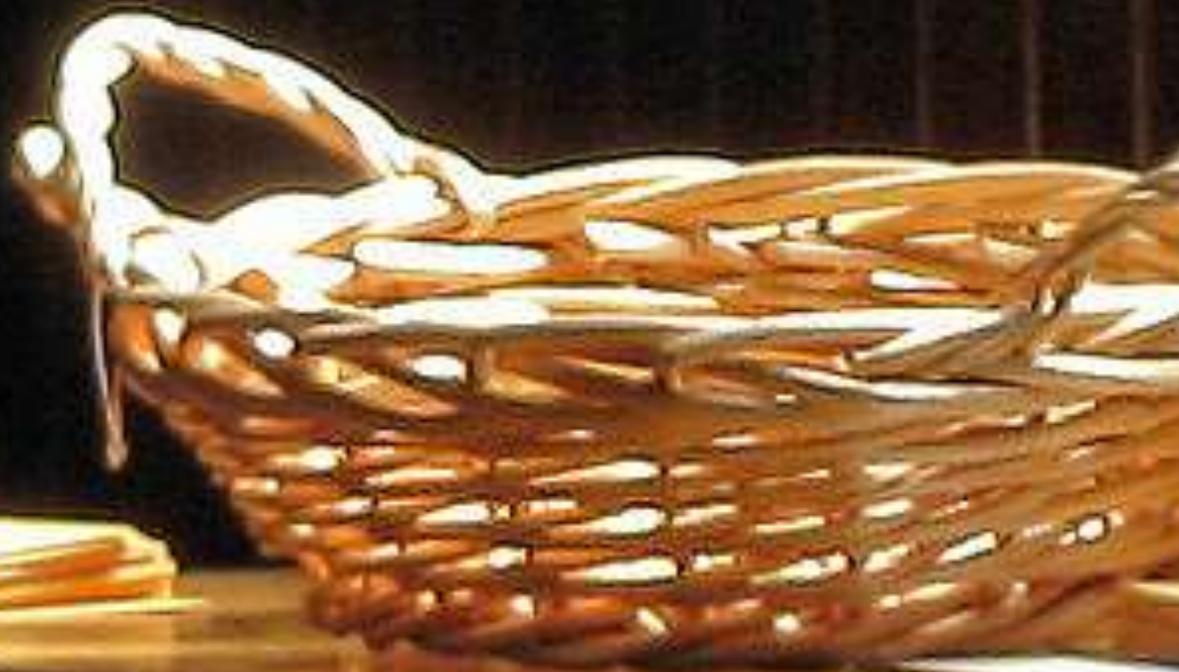
P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**C: Amen.**

*Offering*



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# **Take My Life, That I May Be**

ELW #685 vv. 1, 4, 6

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- 1. Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

4.

**Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect,  
and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

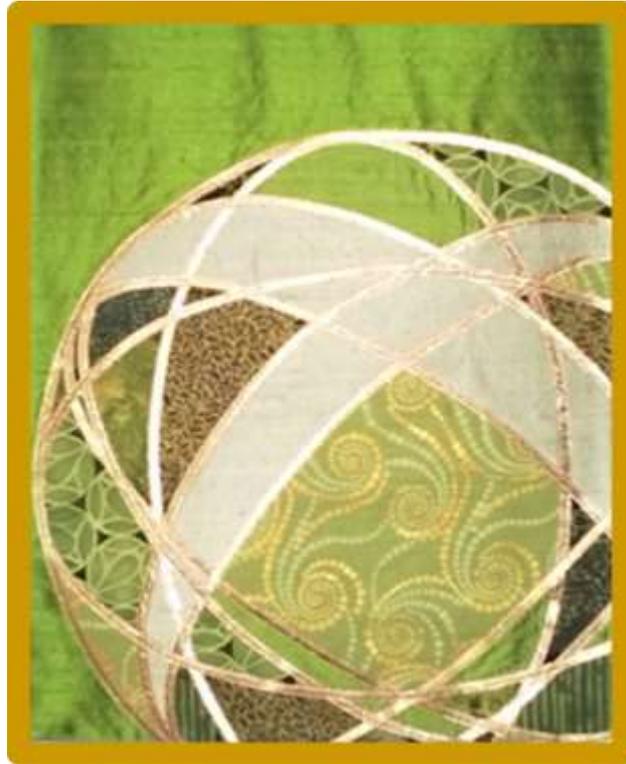
6.

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

# *Offering Prayer*

**P:** God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**



# + EDIBLE WORD +

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

# *Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

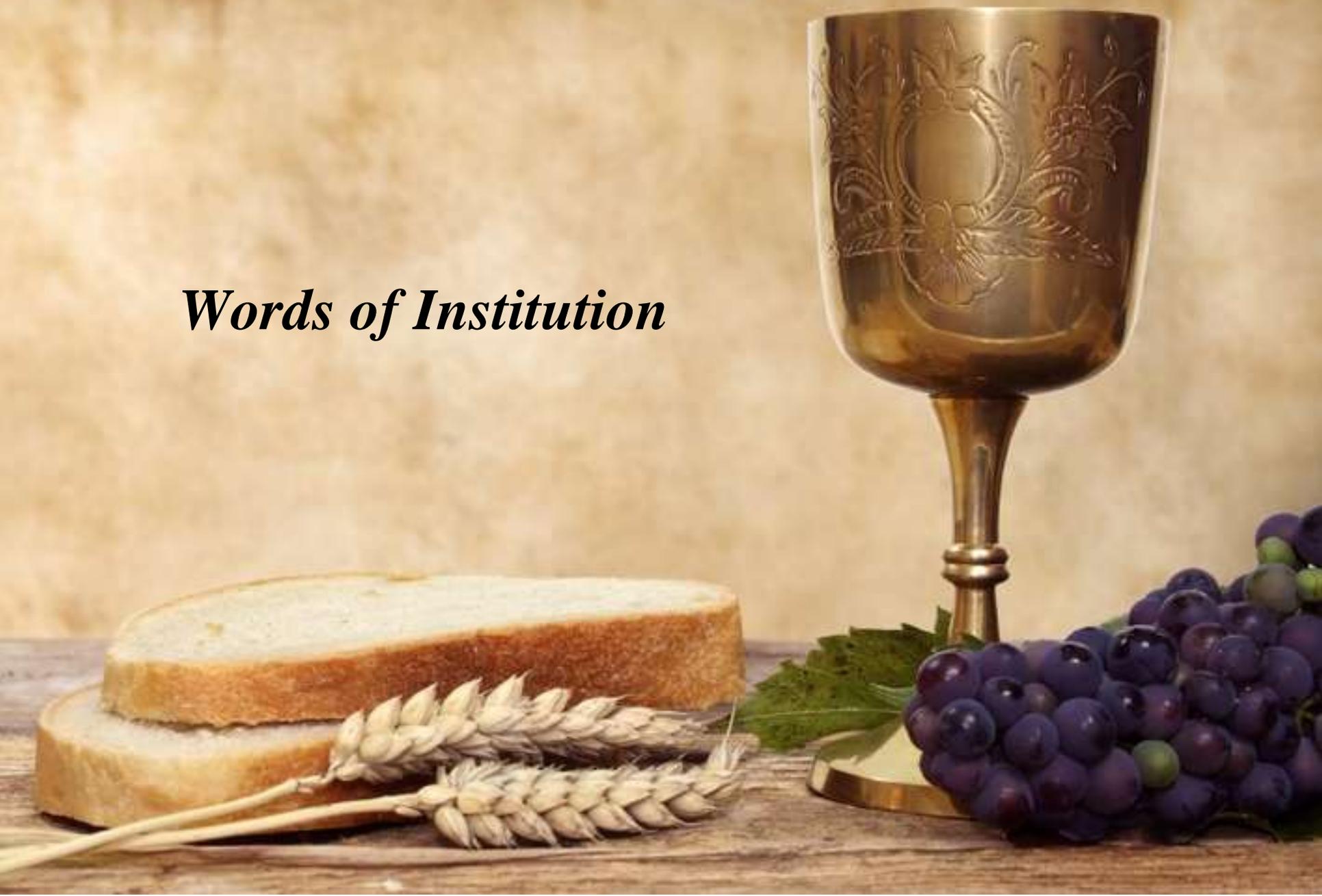
P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Words of Institution*



# *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## ***Holy Communion***

*An usher will guide you forward.  
Wafers or gluten free bread and wine  
or juice will be offered. You will be  
served a wafer unless you indicate  
otherwise. Please take the wine or  
juice from the tray yourself.*



# **Eat This Bread**

ELW #472

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**“Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.”**

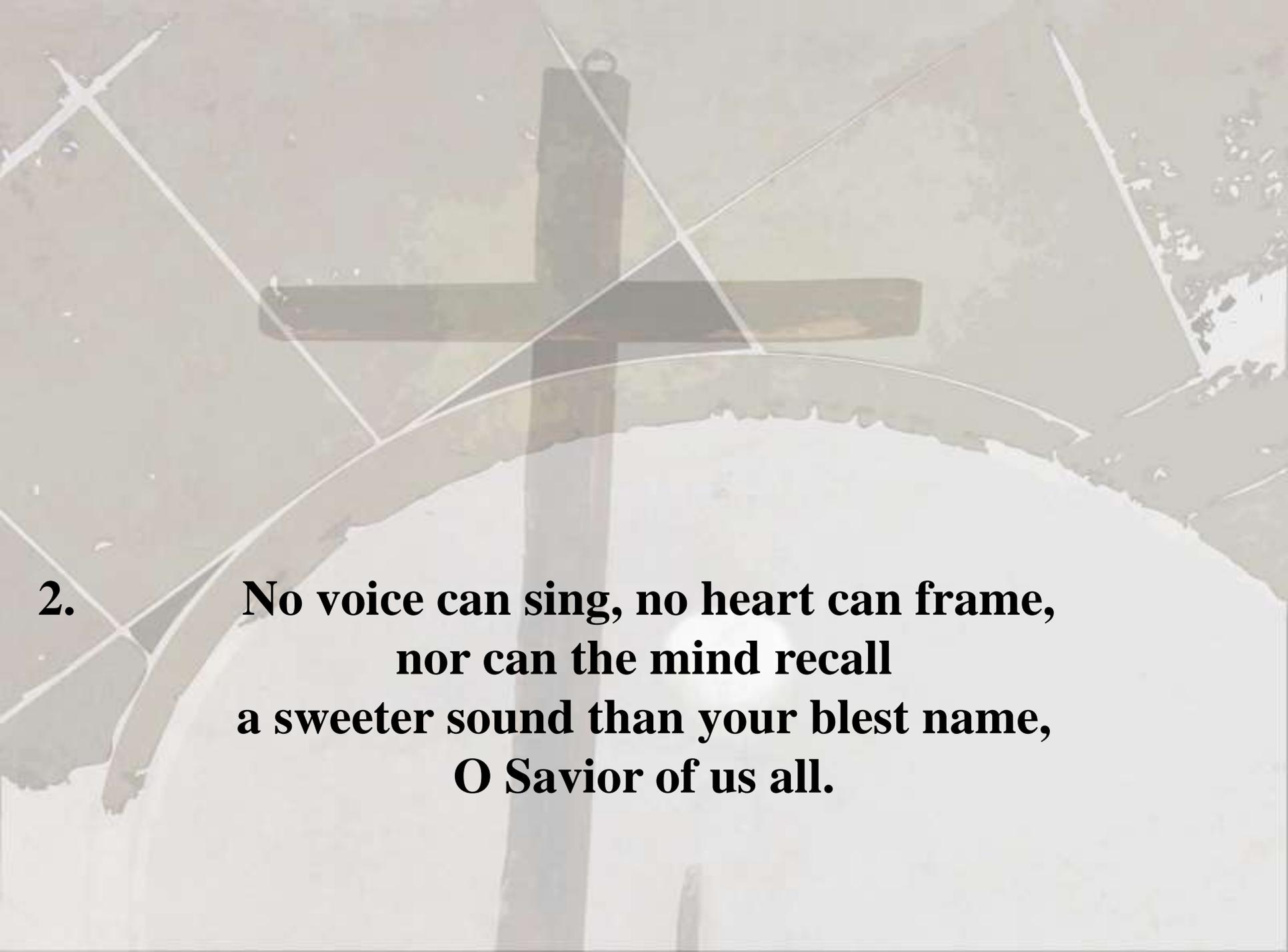
*(Sing through several times)*

# Jesus, the Very Thought of You

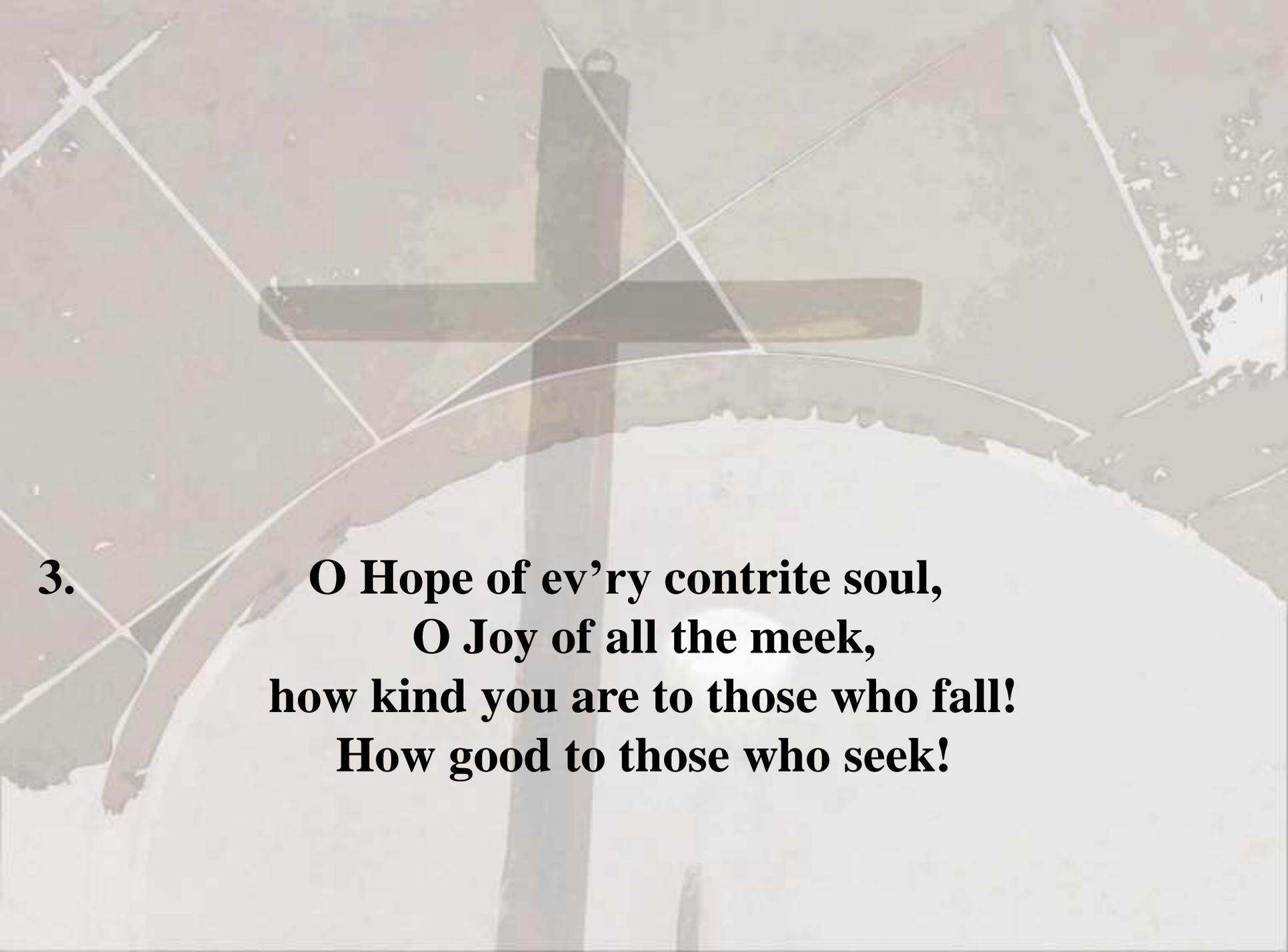
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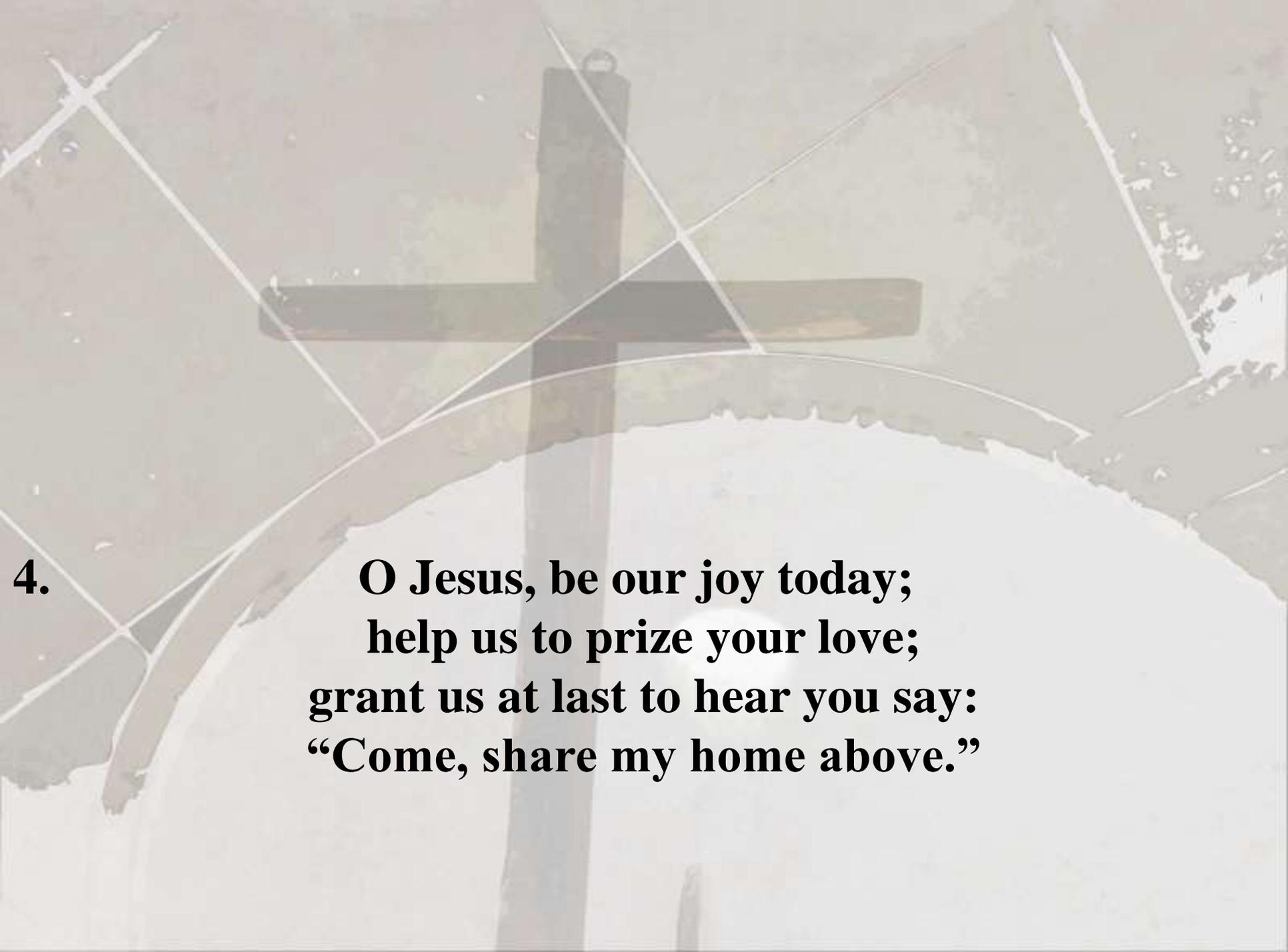
- 1. Jesus, the very thought of you  
fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view  
and rest within your light.**



**2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than your blest name,  
O Savior of us all.**



**3.           O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,  
              O Joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall!  
              How good to those who seek!**



4.

**O Jesus, be our joy today;  
help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say:  
“Come, share my home above.”**

# Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793

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- 1. Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art:  
thou my best thought  
both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.**

2.

Be thou my wisdom,  
and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and  
thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter,  
and thou my high tower,  
raise thou me heav'nward,  
O pow'r of my pow'r.

**3.**

**Riches I heed not,  
nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance,  
now and always;  
thou, and thou only,  
the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.**



**4. Light of my soul,  
after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O ruler of all.**

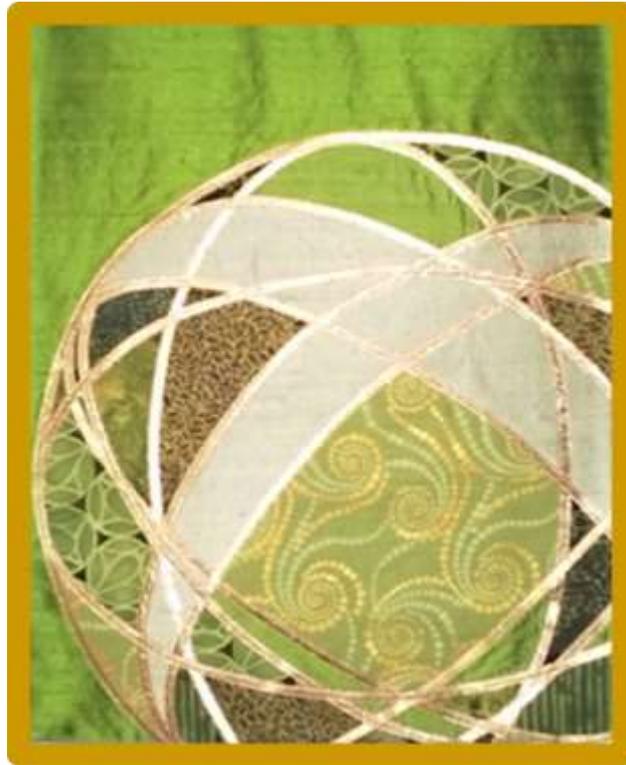
*Communion Blessing*



## *Prayer after Communion*

P: Let us pray.  
Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have  
bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
That all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**



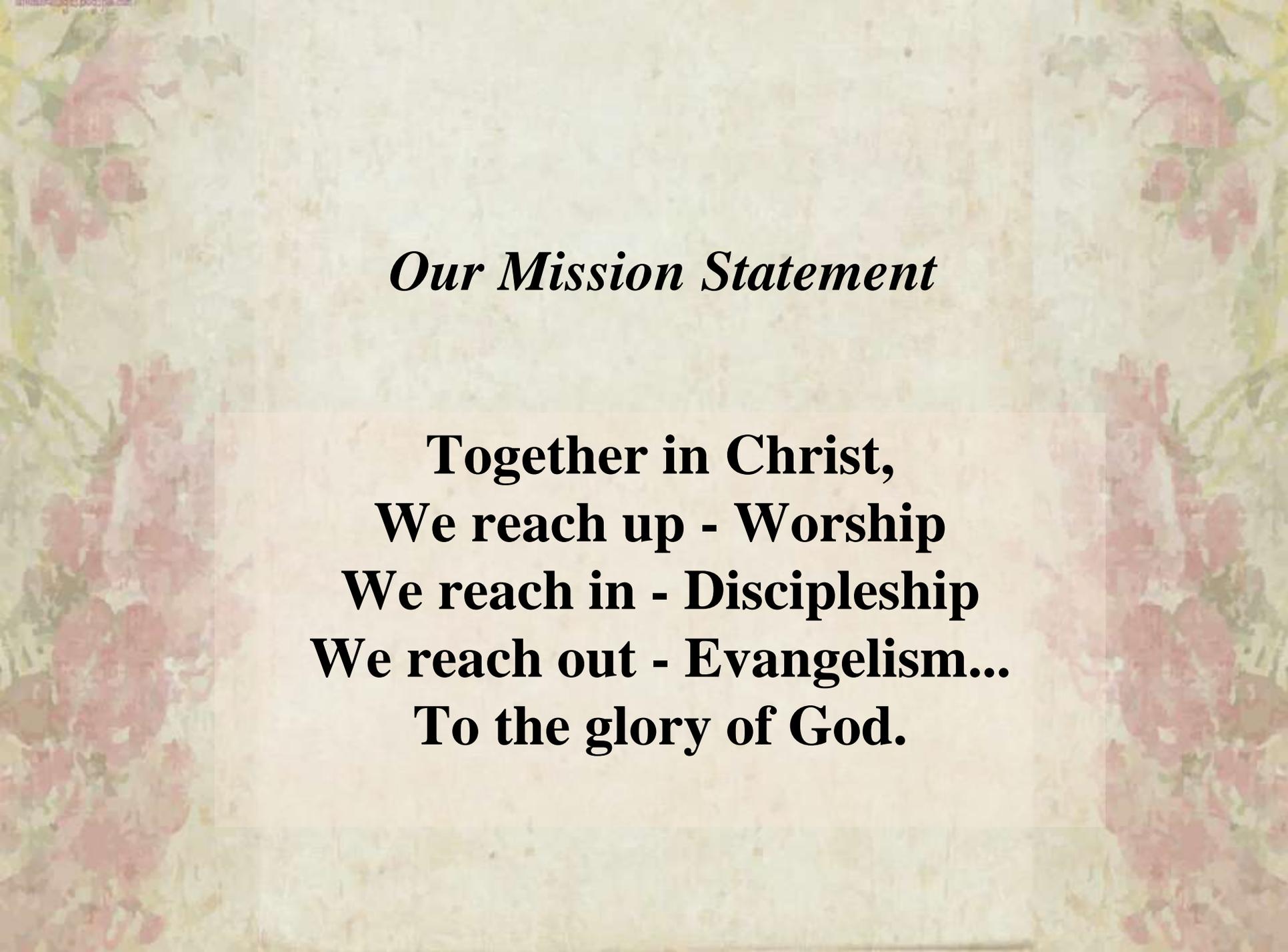
# + **SENDING** +

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## *Benediction*

**P:** The God of peace,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C:** **Amen.**



*Our Mission Statement*

**Together in Christ,  
We reach up - Worship  
We reach in - Discipleship  
We reach out - Evangelism...  
To the glory of God.**

# Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW #543

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- “Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,  
you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own.”**

**2.**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

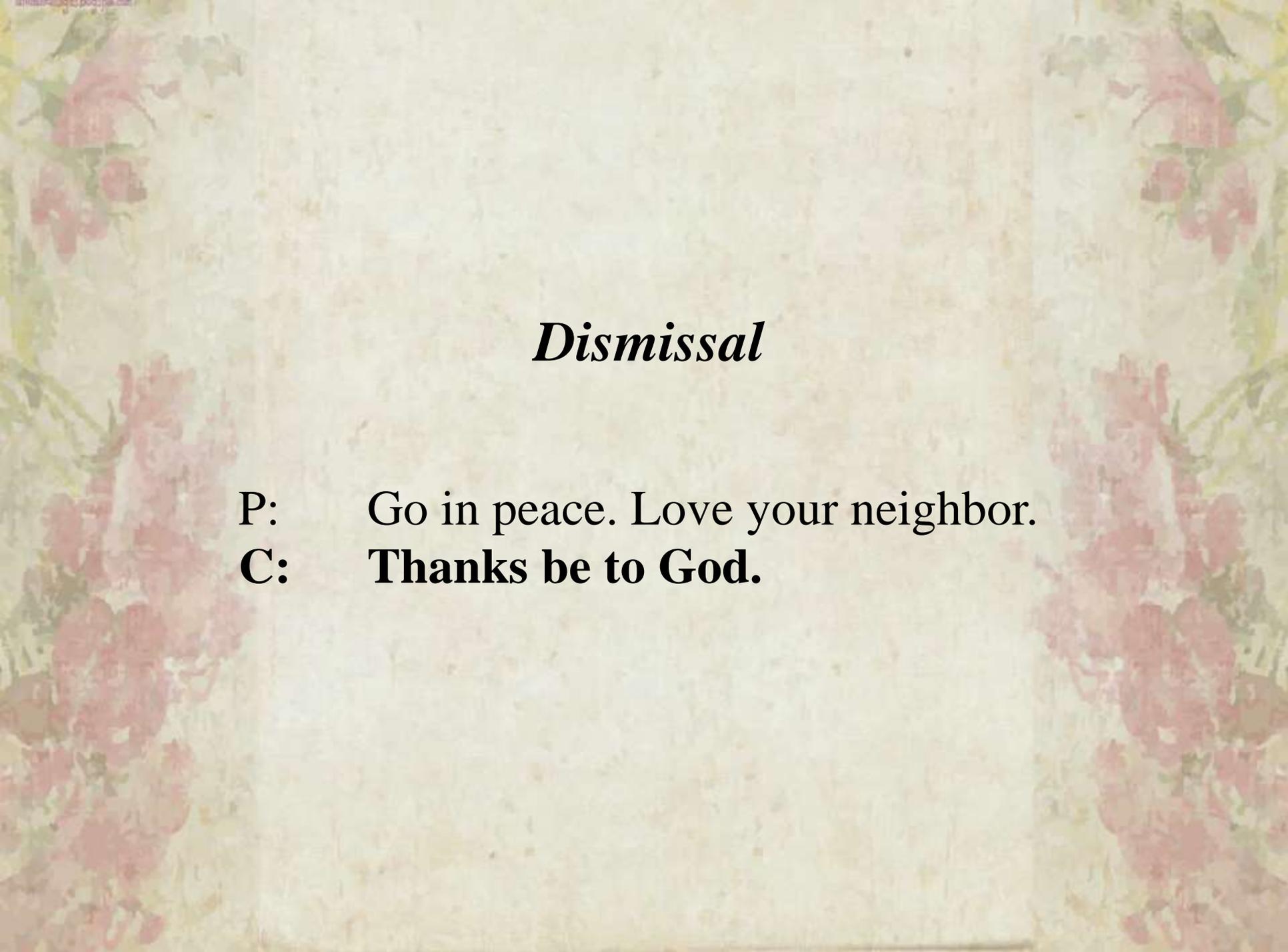
**Go, my children, sins forgiven,  
at peace and pure.”**

**3.**

**“Go my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free.”**



*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us today!*

*May God  
Bless You!*

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